18th. (To the Consul Cambaceres.) Your letter of the 15th has posted me on the debates in the Senate. I trust that you will not fail to have the twenty and sixty undesirable members in our constitutional bodies promptly removed. The will of the Nation is that this Government shall not be hindered in its beneficent work, and that the Head of Medusa shall not be permitted to appear again in our assemblies. The conduct of Sieyes at this juncture shows conclusively that after taking a hand in the destruction of every constitution since 1791, he wants to have a go at this one. It is very curious that he can't see the folly of it. He ought to be glad to burn a candle at Notre Dame for having so happily and unexpectedly come through. But the older I get the more clearly I perceive that a man must accomplish his destiny!

The cold is less intense.

21st. I went for an hour to the ball given to my wife by the Commerce (of Lyons); it was very fine.

£5th. Held a parade to-day, *place Bellecour.* The weather was splendid, the sun as in Flor^al. The generals who were in Lyons thought it proper to give a grand ball to-night, for my wife; I shall look in for half an hour.

February 19th, Paris:

If by ill luck peace should not be maintained, what could be undertaken?